Cement Plants

2412. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand the capacity of some of the public sector cement plants;

(b) whether Government also propose to set up some new cement plants in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the places selected for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to expand the capacity of the plants of Cement Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI), which is the only Central Public Sector Undertaking in the Cement Industry.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Malaria and Gastro-Enteritis in Assam

2413. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 517 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1995 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the gravity of malaria and gastro-enteritis in Assam has created the situation of death for all in Assam at present; and

(b) whether Government have chalked out any emergency action plan to eradicated malaria and gastro-enteritis in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The outbreak of Malaria which took place in some districts of Assam during April-May, 1995 has been controlled. No. report has been received about outbreak of gastro-enteritis from the state during 1995.

(b) The malaria situation in the State is being constantly monitored and reviewed by the Centre and the State Government at various levels. Central Govt. has been providing 100% assistance to the State under National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) since December, 1994 Necessary material and equipments have also been supplied to the State. Similarly for tackling the out break of diseases like gastro-enteritis, technical assistance for instituting containment measures is provided as requested by the State Government.

Allocation of funds to Assam for rural development

2414. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided to Government of Assam under rural development scheme during the last two years and current financial year, district-wise;

(b) the amount spent under each programme district-wise;

(c) the reasons for not utilising the full allocated funds;

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed on any officers/officials;

(e) whether Government are aware that the Government of Assam are not following the criteria laid down for spending the funds; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) are major rural development schemes being implemented in various districts of Assam. A Statement showing the funds provided under the above schemes in various dis-